

HOWE'S DEALS WITH HOLMES

He Will Not Talk About Them Now, but Tells About Mrs. Fitzel.

HE EMPLOYED HIM IN THE CASE

With Her Little Daughter He Went to Philadelphia, Where the Child Identified Her Father's Remains--He Collected the Insurance Money and Got a \$2,500 Fee.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.—Jephthah D. Howe, the young St. Louis lawyer, who, in connection with H. H. Holmes, is charged with defrauding a local insurance company out of \$10,000, reached Philadelphia at noon to-day from Washington, where he stopped over on his way from St. Louis yesterday. He was met at the depot by Marshall P. McDonald, of St. Louis, who is the law partner of young Howe's brother, and together they went to the office of Superintendent of Police Linden, where he surrendered himself.

After an interview in Capt. Linden's office between the superintendent, McDonald, Howe and President Fouse, Howe was taken up to the district attorney's office, where he remained until nearly 3 o'clock, when he was taken into court. Howe's counsel made an argument in favor of admitting the prisoner to bail, asking that the figure be made as low as possible. Judge Brey thought \$2,500 a reasonable sum, and placed the bail at that figure, and the prisoner was released.

Lawyer Howe later in the day gave out the following statement in reference to his connection with the case: "I have learned about this case every day, but I have very little to say in the matter at this time. This woman, Mrs. Fitzel, came to me and employed me as her attorney to look after the insurance claim. I took hold of the matter, and first of all, I think I notified the agent of the insurance company in St. Louis and he, I believe, entered in communication with the company here. I then found that they did all that business through their office. I wrote to the chief of police in Philadelphia, and I think also to the company, or the coroner. It is my belief, I wrote to the coroner first, I heard from him, and I also heard from Chief of Police Linden.

"The first letter received from the coroner stated that the body was here, and that it must be identified. The writer said that it was the body of a woman who had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such. I asked the how low that was, and she said her husband had been killed in the case of the body of a woman who had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such. I asked the how low that was, and she said her husband had been killed in the case of the body of a woman who had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such.

"I then called the woman in and told her the matter. She said she had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such. I asked the how low that was, and she said her husband had been killed in the case of the body of a woman who had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such. I asked the how low that was, and she said her husband had been killed in the case of the body of a woman who had been identified as given the body would bear that name and be buried as such.

"The company paid the money to me and I returned to St. Louis and got a receipt in full from my client, Mrs. Fitzel, for the amount of money, and I gave her a receipt for my fee. The latter was \$2,500. That was the last I saw of her. I saw her again afterwards and learned that she had died."

Mr. Howe was asked what he had to say about his connection with Holmes in the matter.

"I do not desire to say anything about that at this time," he replied, "nor about several other matters with which my name has been connected."

KATE DURKEE NOT MURDERED.

Living with Her Brother, and Explains Her Transactions with Holmes.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 22.—Miss Kate Durkee, whose connection with Holmes, the insurance swindler, has been so widely heralded and who, it was thought might have been murdered, is living in this city with her brother, the assistant auditor of the Burlington road. Miss Durkee says that she only identified the body of her sister, with whom she was intimate in her childhood. She had visited Mrs. Holmes frequently in Chicago, and during one of her visits she saw the body of her sister, which she identified as such.

She was about four years ago. Holmes asked Miss Durkee, as a favor, to allow him to transfer his city property to her. He said that as he was situated at the time it would be a great convenience. Miss Durkee consented to the arrangement.

He explained to her that it was only a matter of form, and being ignorant of business affairs, she accepted his statement as being true. The property was transferred to her, and she never had occasion to deal with it after that time. Holmes came to her and requested her to have him appointed as her administrator, so that he could handle the property as he wanted to. She did so, and at his request deeded the property to a man in Chicago, named Campbell, but she does not know who he is or what his occupation was.

After this Holmes sent her some stock in some enterprise in which he was interested, asking her to keep it for him a while.

In the latter part of May, or the first of June, 1892, Holmes and several other persons came to Omaha to take her deposition regarding the property. Each of them was represented by lawyers from Chicago, and one of them explained at the time that they had been of the opinion that she was a mythical person. The cause of their coming here was a suit brought against Holmes by some drug company in Chicago, to whom he owed a sum of money. This was the last of the transactions between Dr. Holmes and Miss Durkee.

After the transfer of the property to her Miss Durkee was summoned to Omaha by telegram on account of the sudden illness of her brother, and she left without an opportunity to explain her unexpected departure. This, she believes, is the explanation of the theory that she was murdered.

Last August Miss Durkee again went to Chicago. Holmes was out of the city, and she was told by Mrs. Holmes that he had gone to Philadelphia to attend to some business regarding an insurance case. Miss Durkee says she is almost sure that the name mentioned was Fitzel, and that Holmes went in behalf of Mrs. Fitzel.

FOUR HUNDRED AND EXPENSES.

Bill Anderson States on the Witness Stand the Amount He Got for Testifying.

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 22.—Helen Tripp, of Helena, was the first witness put on the stand in the Hirschfeld divorce case to-day. She was an employee in Justice Murphy's office, in Chicago, where Hirschfeld and Miss Hogan were married. Hirschfeld appeared to be depressed and downhearted and did not act as though he was particularly pleased with his loss of single blessedness.

Miss Hogan, being asked, "How much did you receive for testifying?" she said she overheard a conversation between Mrs. and Miss Hogan and Mrs. Hirschfeld, in which Miss Hogan had said it was his money she was after. Witness said Mrs. H. Hirschfeld had engaged her to come to Fargo.

Jake Hildebrand was a clerk in the New York store at Helena, where Miss Hogan was an employee. He had in his possession, taken in Helena, a note which Miss Hogan's character had been above reproach during the period she was employed in the store.

Witness said he had since recanted many circumstances which would reflect upon Miss Hogan's chastity, and had frequently seen one of the clerks put his arm around her. W. Anderson, testified that in August of last year he was "bell boy" at the Palmer House in Chicago. Hirschfeld and Miss Hogan stopped there three days and during this time witness said he had made and kept an engagement with her.

The issues of the spectators were silenced by the court but they made the witness nervous, and when Col. Nolan asked, "How much did you get for giving this testimony?" he blurted out \$400 and expenses. On cross-examination witness said he had not been employed by Hirschfeld, but by the Pinkerton agency, of South Clark street, Chicago.

THEIR BADGES SHOULD SHOW.

Judge Kimball's View of the Duty of Special Policemen.

When Solomon Bloom, a Hebrew merchant on Seventh street, found his wife in the clothes of a big colored man Wednesday night in front of the B-street market he naturally rushed to her assistance.

Bloom, who cannot speak English, could not be made to understand that the colored man was a watchman named William Jackson, as the latter was not in uniform but in civilian dress.

Two young lawyers, who had witnessed the occurrence appeared voluntarily in Judge Kimball's court yesterday as counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, and also as witnesses. After an interpreter had been sworn, the trial took place, and resulted in the personal bonds of both defendants being taken.

Judge Kimball's special policeman should always wear their badge exposed when on duty, otherwise he is a citizen to know with whom he is dealing. If Bloom had been in the clothes of a white or colored man he would have been identified as such.

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THIS IS MRS. THOMPSON.

She is a Widow, Young, and, as You Can See, with Some Claim to Comeliness.

On a bright June morning in the year 1869 Lily A. Thompson, the widow who has braved public opinion by making application for appointment on the police force, got her first peep at daylight in the Sunny Southland.

Her birthplace was an antique old manor in Charleston, S. C., surrounded by historical associations which extend away back beyond the stirring days of the Revolution.

When three years of age Lily was taken by her parents to eastern Tennessee, where she bloomed into womanhood. She soon developed a fondness for equestrian exercise, and was noted as an expert horse-woman.

She also manifested a liking for rifle shooting and became a dead shot.

Prior to her coming to Washington, about four years ago, Mrs. Thompson lived in Knoxville, Tenn., and has many warm and influential friends in that city.

This lady, who is desirous of becoming a policewoman, is something of an athlete. She takes regular exercise every morning, is a firm believer in the DeLafayette club, and being an expert with Indian clubs, thinks she can introduce some novelties in baton twirling should she receive an appointment on the police force.

Mrs. Thompson has received several letters from prominent ladies commending her for the blue coats, and at least twenty of them have declared their intention of applying for Mrs. Thompson as a partner, should she be appointed.

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